
TOPIC Soviet Troops in MAGDEBURG

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1. The following observations were made in MAGDEBURG (M 53/Y 60) on 25 November 1949:

2. Pionier Kaserne (partly destroyed) on Turmschanzenstrasse. Occupied by 500 to 600 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulettes, some with the signal insignia.

25X1 Trucks [redacted] were observed at the caserne gate.

The artillery caserne, located in the same street, is destroyed.

b. Caserne on Herrenkrugstrasse:

25X1 Occupied by a unit of 800 to 1,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets.

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A unit of about 200 men wearing black-bordered red epaulets, which had been stationed in the caserne, recently moved to Zuckerbuschstrasse.

c. Caserne on Breitscheidstrasse:

About 30 AT guns of 76.2 mm caliber, with and without muzzle brake, were standing in the caserne yard.

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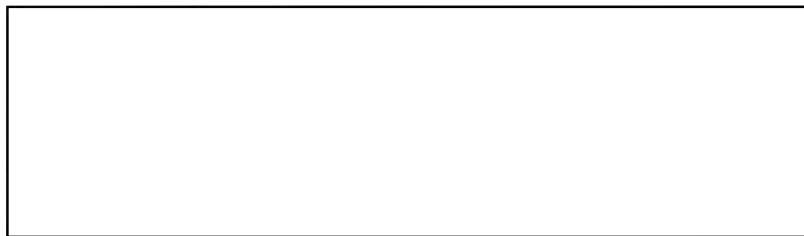
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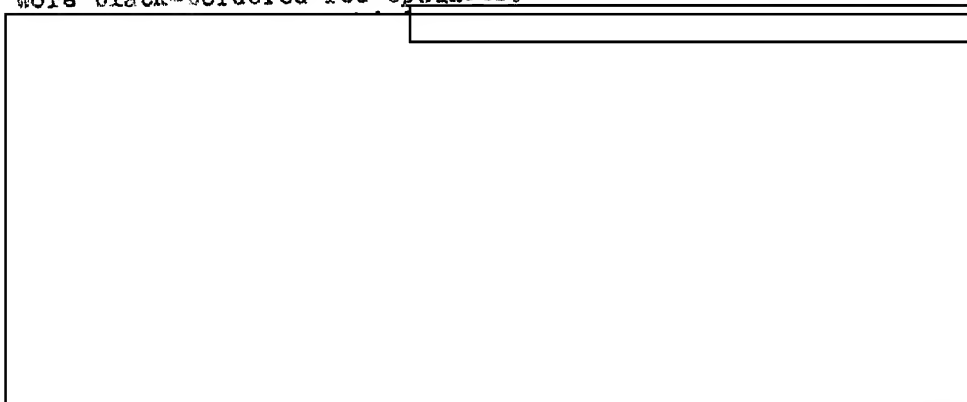
2. The following observations were made in MAGDEBURG on 10 December 1949:

a. Caserne on Liebkechtstrasse and Beilstrasse:

Occupied to capacity by 1,000 to 1,200 troops. Gate guards wore black-bordered red epaulets.

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b. Four-story building north of the Polte Plant on Liebkechtstrasse:

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Occupied to capacity by a unit with black-bordered ruby-colored epaulets. [redacted]

c. Caserne on Herrenkrugstrasse, corner of Jerichowstrasse:

Three three-story and one two-story building were occupied to capacity by 500 to 700 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets.

Two three-story and one two-story building, which had been damaged during the war, were being restored.

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d. Kaserne north of Breitscheidstrasse:

25X1 Occupied to capacity by 1,500 to 2,000 troops of artillery units.

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e. Kaserne south of Breitscheidstrasse:

Occupied to capacity by 800 to 1,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets.

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25X1 Comment:

The MAGDEBURG kasernes are still occupied by Third Shock Army headquarter units, component units of the 3rd Gds AAA Div and possibly small units of the 207th Mtz Rifle Div. According to previous information, elements of the Hq Third Shock Army were in the former Encke Kaserne on Liebknechtstrasse and Beinastrasse.

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